

Community Health Advisory Board ORIENTATION – Island CHD  
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**THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROCESS: Our Current Plan**

**A. Background of the Community Health Process**

1. Purpose: a process to manage the changing health environment- specifically to integrate community expertise and values with the science of public health to create healthier communities
2. This process will lead to:
  - community ownership and leadership in determining public health policy
  - decisions based on specific data about our community.
  - more accountability for the public and private dollars spent
  - more coordination, collaborations, partnerships in our community
3. The Community Health Process consists of:
  - a. Developing a Community Coalition
  - b. Creating a Shared Vision
  - c. Assessing Community Health
  - d. Prioritizing Community Health Issues
  - e. Implementing a Community Health Plan

**B. Review of Accomplishments, Activities, and Plans**

Introduction: This process is set up in five parts depicted as circles on the handout. The circles revolve around our goal of “healthy people-healthy communities”

-The process starts with building a community coalition and moves around the circle counterclockwise. Over the past four years, we completed an “assessment of community health”, prioritized areas of concern, and developed a plan and implemented a number of community imperatives to address our #1 issue: supporting our youth. CHAB just completed an imperative evaluation and the results they have had in the communities in supporting our youth.

-We are currently beginning a new process of assessment (BRFSS 2000) and data analyses, after which we will end up focusing on another health issue(s).

-When we have completed the circle, all parts of the circle will continue to function at some time during the process. Building a community coalition is an ongoing process, as are assessing community health and implementing a community health plan. Working on a vision and prioritizing issues happen periodically.